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**Iowans to gather for
'Great Places' forums**

The stage will be set for creativity, bold thought, innovation and entrepreneurship at 10 forums across the state this spring about Iowa Great Places, an initiative announced by Governor Tom Vilsack earlier this year.

"These forums will be a wonderful opportunity for Iowans to learn more about Great Places and share their visions for Great Places in Iowa," said Anita Walker, director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Northeast Iowa forum dates and locations are as follows:

- Monday, May 23 – National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, 350 East 3rd Street, Dubuque, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 25 – Oster Regent Theater, 103 Main Street, Cedar Falls, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 1 – CSPA, 1103 Third Street SE, Cedar Rapids, 4 to 6 p.m.

The forums are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.iowagreatplaces.gov or call 515-281-8824.